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APPLICANT(S): Nordstrom *et al.* CONFIRMATION NO.: 1037  
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TITLE: A SPECTROSCOPIC SYSTEM EMPLOYING A PLURALITY  
OF DATA TYPES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 8, 2005, in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and remarks that follow be considered, and that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a) made in the Office action be withdrawn. Applicants further request that the rejections under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting be held in abeyance until all the claims are deemed otherwise allowable.

Applicants submit a Petition for an Extension of Time of one month, up to and including June 8, 2005, and the fee associated therewith. Any other fees necessary for the entry and consideration of this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.